

# *The Parish Press*

OF

## PINE STREET EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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### **Sunday School Rally Day September 13**

*The beginning of the new Sunday School year!*

**Following Worship there will  
be a Covered Dish Meal  
during Fellowship Hour**

**September 6:  
Sunday School Teacher Installation  
During Worship**



**The office will be closed on Monday,  
September 7<sup>th</sup> in observance of  
Labor Day.**

### ***HERE ARE WAYS YOU CAN USE YOUR TALENTS AND WHEN THEY BEGIN:***

- **Adult Choir:** September 14 at 10:00 AM in the Chapel in the Luther House
- **Bell Choir:** September 14 at 5:30 PM in the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor (LH) (upon completion of the bells)
- **Women of the ELCA** (see calendar)
- **Join a Church Ministry**
- **Be a Worship Helper** (always a need)
- **Play an instrument or sing during worship**
- **Serve on Council**
- **Provide food items or help for fellowship hour**
- **Serve where you feel God is calling You!**

Call Deb if you would like more information.

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**Blanket Sunday**

***Fall Arts & Crafts Festival Downtown – September 12 from 9AM to 5 PM***

*September, 2015*

*Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ;*

*I write this as I begin ministry full time with you. Even though I have been with you since July 1, I was not full time, now I am. Most of the weeks, I will be in the office on Monday and Wednesday mornings, and in and out other times. Thursdays are my sermon preparation and study time. This time will be spent in my home office to keep the time sacred and uninterrupted. Please feel free to stop in to see me during regularly scheduled hours, or, schedule a time with me if these hours do not work for you.*

*As we begin the Autumn season, we think of cooler temps, football, the Danville festival, the turning of foliage, and fewer hours of daylight. We move from the activities of summer into different activities of the autumn. We will resume reading from the gospel of Mark on Sunday mornings and notice the action and movement of Jesus and his disciples.*

*The gospel readings from the Lectionary beginning in September and continuing for ten weeks are from the gospel of Mark, chapters 7 through 10. I recommend reading this as one unit. In your prayer and Bible reading time, take time to read this through in one sitting, it isn't really very long, and there is a different feel to the text as it is read inclusively.*

*Years ago, I began a clergy retreat in Ohio on the gospel of Mark. We initialized our time together by reading the entire gospel of Mark after dinner the first night. We were amazed at how we learned new insights even though all of us had been preaching from Mark and reading it for years. In these chapters, 7 through 10, Jesus is on the move with his disciples, teaching, healing, leading them to learn and grow with spiritual insight. Yet, it was difficult and slow for them, they did not fully grasp all he was saying and doing. It was not until after the death and resurrection of Jesus, that they understood him truly, as the Christ.*

*Life lived from our baptismal covenant can be slow for us to understand completely as well, not always fully comprehending what it means to follow Jesus the Christ. The good news for us is, of course, that Jesus does not give up on us, just as he did not give up on the disciples. So, we begin again and again to wrestle with the scriptures, to find solace, comfort, encouragement, challenges.*

*In this Newsletter, I pray you will find good news, sources for encouragement, and areas where you are needed. I pray that together, we will find that walking with Christ, daily, will bring rewards and joys, even as we too continue to have movement with Christ, supported and sustained by his Holy Word and Sacrament. May you be blessed in your journey and may it be profound in your life.*

*Blessings,*

*Rev. Dr. Lois D. Martin*

## NEWS AND NOTES

### MEMORIALS

Gifts given to our Memorial Fund in memory of *Donald Swank* have been given by:

- † Sharon Cashman
- † Arlene Bohner
- † Mary Jane and Bill Snyder (Organ)
- † Trish and Rick Fritz
- † Sue and Dick Baylor
- † Jane and John Ellis
- † Judith Wray
- † Alice and Jerry Roush
- † Libby and Joe Schaefer
- † Ellen and Dennis Leighow

Gifts given to our Memorial Fund in memory of *Pauline Mackert* have been given by:

- † Carol Snyder
- † Nancy and Rae Leighow
- † Mary Jane and Bill Snyder (Organ)
- † Sue and Dick Baylor
- † Jeannie and Lou Shoch, Jr.

Gifts given to our Memorial Fund in memory of *Janice St. Clair* have been given by:

- † Mary Jane and Bill Snyder (Organ)
- † Sue and Dick Baylor

Gifts given to our Memorial Fund in memory of *Mildred Gemberling* have been given by:

- † Mary Jane and Bill Snyder (Organ)

FLY YOUR  
FLAG  
PROUDLY ON  
PATRIOT'S  
DAY  
September 11



### SPECIAL MEMORIAL

Dear Church Members,

Mother (Beatrice Yeager) appreciated her church. She wished to gift the church even after she died. An expression of her wish was received for the Restoration Fund.

In Jesus' Name,  
*Mary Elizabeth Payne*

### THRIVENT CHOICE

We thank *Denny DiOrion, Jack Dyer and Gail James* for directing Choice Dollars to our church through the Thrivent Financial Choice Program. We appreciate your generosity!

### A STEWARDSHIP MINUTE

*Written by S. William Snover, MD  
Financial Secretary*

#### What is your legacy?

*"For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it". (1 Timothy 6:7)*

This verse is the origin of the old adage "You can't take it with you".

When we come to the end of our lives on earth, we will take no material thing with us. We will not take one cent in our cold, dead hands. The only things that we may take are the things we have given away. If we have helped others, we may take that with us; if we have given our time, our talents, our abilities and our treasure for the good of our church and others, we may take that with us. Looking back over our lives, what are we proud of? Not what we have gained for ourselves, but what few good deeds we have done. Those are the things that really matter in the long run.

*What will you take with you when you go?*

May Christ's love and peace be  
with you all,  
**Bill**



### THIS MONTH'S

### LOVE Offering Envelope is BLANKET SUNDAY

With Blanket Sunday so early in October, September is **Blanket Sunday** month for the Love Offering envelopes.

For those of us who don't know how or have the time to make quilts, the next best thing is to give a donation to purchase quilts and blankets.

Our Synod is able to purchase blankets at a much better price than we can, thus making our dollars do a lot more. It also costs money to ship them. It costs approximately \$3 to send each quilt overseas.

So, as you can see, money given is an important way you can support this outreach ministry!

Thank you in advance for your donations!

**Please use your special Love Offering envelope in your packet for your donations or use a blue pew envelope and mark it "Blankets".**

**Thank you!**

### Pastor's office hours:

**Monday: 9:30 – 1:00**

**Tuesday: Afternoons by appointment**

**Wednesday: 9:30 – 1:00**

Other times can be arranged with Pastor Lois.

*Please note that meetings or pastoral calls may interrupt this schedule.*

## FOOD BANK NEEDS



The Danville-Riverside Food Bank is very appreciative of the donations of food and money given by our church members. You may donate the food of the month from the list below or any other non-perishable food item. All donations are distributed to those in need in our community.

### **Sep: Spaghetti & Sauce**

(or any other non-perishable food items)

Place food donations in the basket in the narthex. To make a monetary donation, please use a blue pew envelope and mark it **Food Bank**.

The Danville-Riverside Food Bank, which is a non-profit volunteer organization, is open to anyone in need from 10:00 AM to 1:00 P.M. the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month at Shiloh United Church of Christ, 500 Bloom Street in Danville, and the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month at St. Peter's Methodist Church in Riverside. Volunteers are always needed. Please call Marysue Christian at 570-275-5403 or email her at [marysu@ptd.net](mailto:marysu@ptd.net) for more information.

## THANK YOU NOTES

Thank you, Pine Street, for all your prayers at a time so much needed. I'm recovering slowly. Thanks to Pastor Keith for all his visits and prayers when I was in the hospital.

*Judy Rogowsky*

Dearest Pine Street Friends,

Thank you so much for the Danville stein. I am using it for pens and pencils on my desk so I will remember all of you and my time in Danville very lovingly each time it catches my eye!! God Bless all of you!! Take care!

Peace & Love,  
*Pastor Keith*

Dear Members of Pine Street Lutheran,

Our summer camping season has ended. We enjoyed welcoming campers this year as we learned more about "A Love That Never Ends." Through our GROW Time Bible Studies, campers learned about fine Old Testament heroes and how God loved them and shows love to us today.

As we do our work, we are mindful of the great support we received from people like you, who make it possible to do outdoor ministries in this part of Pennsylvania. This letter is to thank you for your recent gift to Camp Mt. Luther. At camp, children, youth, and adults are discovering more about God, themselves and others. They feel connected to God and learn more about going out in service in God's name. Your donation provides an important foundation for the faith formation of all who take advantage of our programs and facilities.

I want to express my deepest thanks and appreciation for your prayers and financial support of our ministry. This letter acknowledges the following gift, recorded on August 12, 2015: \$165.00 for Synod Mission Support (Annual). Sharing Christ and planting seeds through our outdoor ministry wouldn't be possible without your support. We truly thank you for keeping our ministry strong by contributing to Camp Mount Luther!

God's Peace,  
*Chad W. Hershberger*  
Executive Director  
Camp Mount Luther

The ladies of Pine Street Church preparation and serving the luncheon after my mother's church service was truly appreciated by family and friends. Mother often mentioned to me how she enjoyed the social gathering after Sunday services telling of all the good food brought and prepared by members. I am certain she is pleased that her family and friends had the same pleasurable treat.

Sincerely,  
*Carol Snyder*  
(Daughter of Pauline Mackert)

Thank you so much for preparing the delicious meal for the recent funeral of Jan St. Clair. Our family truly thanks you for taking the time to do this for us.

Sincerely,  
*Cheryl St. Clair Cooper*

With deepest gratitude for the wonderful luncheon you served for our father's funeral. Your care and generosity was so comforting to all of us. We are very thankful for the love you have always shown to our parents.

*Lynn, Kay & Mark Swank  
& Families*

## Newsletter Deadline

The Deadline for the next edition of the *Newsletter* is **SEPTEMBER 15 for the OCTOBER, 2015 Newsletter**. All articles submitted are subject to editing; typewritten or e-mailed articles are especially appreciated. It may be necessary to hold articles submitted after the deadline date until the next month.

**Please make sure all the doors are locked (try them after locking) and lights out when leaving the buildings!**  
Thank you.



## ELECTED

Roxanne Patton has been elected to serve as an executive board member of the Upper Susquehanna Women's Organization of our Synod.

## W/ELCA

### Calendar of Events

- ♥ **September 1:** Quarterly & ThankOffering Service (SH) 1:30 PM
- ♥ **September 12:** Women's Retreat [Mt. Luther] \$20.00 includes coffee, tea, snacks, lunch and the program; registration deadline is September 4; 9:30 am to 3:00 pm. Evergreen Ctr. At Cp. Mt. Luther. Registration forms may be found on Camp Mt. Luther's website at [cml@campmountluther.org](mailto:cml@campmountluther.org).
- ♥ **October 4:** Blanket Sunday
- ♥ **October 11:** Fall Cluster Gathering 2:00 PM [St. John's, Espy]
- ♥ **October 17:** Action Day [Synod Office]
- ♥ **October 19:** Women preparing a meal for the Getting Ahead Program at Mahoning Presbyterian Church
- ♥ **November 19:** Executive Board Meeting 7:30 AM
- ♥ **December 1:** Advent Quarterly 1:30 PM (More information coming.)

### SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 8 - Terri Wydra
- 9 - Larissa Bohner; Brenton Swartz
- 15 - Saundra Lees
- 18 - Mary Louise Kemp (88)
- 22 - Shirley Hawley (90); Samantha Jordan
- 23 - Kevin Romansik
- 26 - Joan Greely; Valerie Snyder
- 30 - James Hack

## SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 7 - Nancy and Rae Leighow
- 16 - Barbara and Paul Ezdebski, Jr.

### Pine Street Prayer List September, 2015



#### CONGREGATION

##### MEMBERS:

Norman Troutman; Judy Rogowsky; Jack Dyer; Brenda Fischer-Dennehy; Aggie Oyster; Charlotte Mitchell; Pauline Nedrow; Jennifer O'Brien; Nikki Morgan; Carl Rice, Jr.; Ann Marie Binder; Melissa Thomas; and Art Sticklin.

#### FRIENDS OF CONGREGATION

##### MEMBERS:

Josiah S.; Pat Whitenight; Benny Bordner; Tim Kriner; Bert Williams; Kevin Nungesser; Lew Riley; Gary Leighow; Bill Fallon; Mark Bidelsbach; John Butkofsky; Brandon Cooper; Steve Treon; Addison; Bogart; Stan Davis; Roxanne Herr; Doug Dawson; John Lapetina; Pastor Brian Moyer; Nancy Sees; Connie Gibbs; Brenda Kile; Patsy Berns; Shane Einsig; Mike Shoemaker; Terri Beyer; Pete Zimmerman; Tim Raup; Katherine Appelman; John Stoker; Daymon David; Ralph Reedy; Raymond Neitz; Neina Brady; Elroy Neitz; Emily Stookey; Cathi Flanagan; Charlie Meginley; Pastor Robert Loughborough; Nancy Curry; Kathryn DiOrio; Mark Pontiac; Abby Thomas; Rhonda Brouse; Cindy Gearhart; Rod Vincent; Nathan Lubeski; K.M.L.; Joan Livziey; Bev Faux; Julia Kucher; Joyce Dawson; Spencer Vincent; Autumn Kern, and Barry Balonek.

#### HOMEBOUND AND SPECIAL PRAYER LIST:

Sherry Achey; Anna & Carl Rice; Burrnell Metzger; Shirley Gamble; Eleanor Wray; Sam Harrison; Charles McWilliams; Marvin Fry; Nelenia Swank; Lillian Stahl; D.

Jean Cope; Paul Gemberling; and Jane Beagle.

#### SPECIAL MILITARY LIST:

Matthew Clark; Johnathan Babb; Nate Hughes; Nicole and Alejandro Hernandez; Dillon Donahoe; Olivia Ward; Sgt. Levi Gearhart; Sgt. David Gregory; Jordan Zander; Oliver Rice; Trevor Patterson; Jeremy Weikel; Robert Carpenter; Trevor Stone; Charlie Reedy; Shawn Dyer; Shane Bergenstock; SSGT Andrew Bauman; CPL Jason Lee Smith; B.J. Dellinger; Tim Mekosh; CPT Barry Troy; CPT Steven Black Barr; Tristan Winter.

***Please use an orange pew card for Prayer requests & removals.***

### PRAYER LIST UPDATES

As situations change, prayer is most effective when requests are current and regularly updated. Therefore, we would appreciate it if you would check over the prayer list, and if there is someone that you put on that list that is doing better and can be removed, please contact Deb at office. You can notify the church office by emailing Deb at [pinestch@ptd.net](mailto:pinestch@ptd.net) or by calling from 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. Mon-Thur. at 570-275-2110. Please keep this in mind when you put other relatives and friends on our Prayer List.

***To activate the Prayer Chain, contact numbers are: 387-1795 or 441-5643. No Emails please.*** (To have someone's name included on the weekly Prayer List, please email or call Deb separately at the church office at 275-2110 or [pinestch@ptd.net](mailto:pinestch@ptd.net)).

### The Thank You Corner

- ♦ **Our Home Communion Teams** for taking communion to our shut-ins on a regular basis.
- ♦ **ALL VOLUNTEERS** that helped make our Festival a huge success.

***School is in session, watch out for our children!!!***



## USS DAY AT KNOEBEL'S September 20, 2015:

The Upper Susquehanna Synod invites our congregation to gather for fellowship on Sunday, September 20 at Knoebel's. A 20% discount will be given on pre-ordered tickets (A \$20 book for \$16.) or you can purchase tickets there. Pre-ordered tickets must be ordered by September 4 and can be picked up at Pavilion P-5 beginning at 12:30 PM. The park is open until 7:00 PM for Upper Susquehanna Synod Day at Knoebel's Grove. Pavilion P-5 is also the meeting/gathering place for all who wish to meet during the afternoon from 5:00-5:45 PM, concluding with a vespers service at 5:45 PM. To pre-order discount tickets, or volunteer for hospitality or refreshments, contact Brenda Krouse at the synod office at 570-524-9778 or [Brenda@uss-elca.org](mailto:Brenda@uss-elca.org)

### FESTIVAL REPORT:

Yard Sale - \$317.10;  
Theme Baskets - \$220.00;  
Kitchen/Ice Cream - \$2059.50;  
Plants \$139.00

**TOTAL: \$2735.60**

60% (\$2642.60) goes to Restoration; 40% (1094.00) goes to Many Hands Helping Others Program at the Danville School District.

**A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL  
WHO DONATED  
FOOD/BAKED GOODS,  
YARD SALE ITEMS, THEME  
BASKETS OR HELPED IN  
ANY WAY.  
WE APPRECIATE IT!!!**

## SOUPER BOWL OF CARING (Remember the chicken noodle & tomato soup challenge?)

Our 2015 campaign has come to a close, and it was another amazing year! **With your help, more than 7.9 million in cash and food items was collected and donated to over 5,000 charities.** We also celebrated our 25th anniversary! We are so appreciative of all our participants, donors and friends who have helped us out along the way. Here's to another 25 years!

## Simply Giving is: .....the most convenient way to send your tithe to the church.

- *No more writing checks!*
- *No more remembering to bring your envelope!*
- *No more concern about your tithe if you can't be in church!*
- *It's Simply Giving! It's all done for you!*

**See Bill Snover to answer  
your questions and to sign  
up.**

## Fellowship Menus



### SEPTEMBER

Sept. 6: BBQ, Rolls & Veggie Tray  
Sept. 13: Covered Dish Meal  
Sept. 20: Soup & Hearty Breads  
Sept. 27: Meat Ball Sandwiches, Rolls & Tossed Salads

### OCTOBER

Oct. 4: Baked Potato Bar  
Oct. 11: Covered Dish Meal  
Oct. 18: Taco Fixings & Baked Corn  
Oct. 25: Apple Dumplings will be provided.

**Good Samaritan Mission Center**  
275-2500  
Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday  
9 AM-4:30 PM

## Available for Pick-up on the table in the narthex. The most recent copies of:

- Upper Susquehanna Synod Ark, which includes *Currents* and Camp Mt. Luther *Camel Tracks*.
  - *Christ in Our Home* Devotional Booklets small and large editions
  - *Spark Family-Splash in God's Word* magazine
  - *The Lutheran Magazine*—selected issues
- They are free while supplies last—take one for your family.  
If more copies of USS Ark are needed, please ask Deb.

## SPONSORS

Please help sponsor these important items for our Worship Services for honoring or memorializing loved ones and friends. Thank you!



- **Bulletin sponsor** openings are available for October 18 & 25, November 8, 15 & 22, and December 20, 26 and 27..
- Altar Flowers are full.
- **Communion Bread sponsors are needed.** Dates are available. See the chart in the narthex.
- **The Sanctuary Candle is full.** Thank you to all sponsors.

- \$20.00 per week for **Bulletins**;
- \$36.00 per week for **Flowers**
- \$10.00 per week for **Wine** (filled for the year)
- \$15.00 per month for the **Sanctuary Candle**.

Please sign up on the sheets on the bulletin board in the narthex. You can pay any time up to the date of your choice. Just use a blue pew envelope and mark what it is for and put it in the plate, you can mail it, drop it in the mail slot in the office door, or you can add it to your regular envelope and put it in the plate or mail—just be sure to write on what it is for on the envelope. Thank you!

## WEBSITE

[www.pinestreetlutheran.org](http://www.pinestreetlutheran.org)

**And, if you haven't  
registered on the site,  
please do so!  
Check it out!**



**Alf Bashore is updating the site  
please get material and  
announcements to him.  
THANK YOU!**

### Financial Status of the Restoration Project:

(as of July 31, 2015)

Total cost of the exterior restoration project: \$78,643

Donations received in July: \$928 from giving  
228 from hoagie sales  
\$1,156 total

Total on hand: \$ 6,578

Loan balance: \$23,390

### GLScrip Gift Card Order

#### Deadline is SEPTEMBER 13

You can earn money for the church when you buy gas, school supplies, or any purchasing you need to do by purchasing gift cards. **Consider using gift cards when shopping for essentials and extras. Weis and Giant are now only available through GLScrip. Mostly everyone dines out and buys gas—consider getting gift cards to use.**

*They work same as cash!!!*

**PROCEEDS SUPPORT OUR WEBSITE! CHECK IT OUT AT [WWW.PINESTREETLUTHERAN.ORG](http://WWW.PINESTREETLUTHERAN.ORG)**

### *Directions from Danville to Trinity Oak Grove:*

Near Liberty Valley Golf Course on Rt. 642, turn right onto Klondike Rd. Just after going under the I-80 bridges, turn onto the first left. This is Oak Grove Rd. The Church and pavilion are at the crossroads 4-way stop.

### RIDES AVAILABLE

Rides are available for people for urgent medical care.

*Volunteer drivers are:*

- ♦ Sue & Dick Baylor (279-4766)
- ♦ Bill & Mary Jane Snyder (275-4083)
- ♦ Bill & Jeannie Snover (672-3055)

Call any of the above numbers or call the church office from 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. at 275-2110.

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### 2015 COUNCIL MEMBERS

#### Interim Pastor:

**Rev. Dr. Lois Martin**

#### Co-Treasurers:

Roxanne Patton & Roberta Recla

Richard Baylor

Darlis Dyer

Alfred Bashore

Thomas Herrington, President

Mary Ann Landi, Vice President

William Snover, Council Secretary

Mary Jane Snyder

Ryan Versluis

Joanne Williams

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### 2015 ELECTION DATE

#### NOVEMBER 3: General Election

(Please refrain from using the social hall from Monday morning, November 2 through Wednesday morning, November 4 while the voting machines are on the premises. Thank you!)



### CAMP MOUNT LUTHER

Mt. Luther, of the Upper Susquehanna Synod, is an extension of the congregation's ministry in the unique setting that the camp provides. Children, youth and adults learn, worship, witness and serve within a Christ centered Lutheran tradition. All persons regardless of race, creed, color, or special needs are welcome to attend this camp of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

**Get more information at:**

**Camp Mt. Luther is online at [www.campmountluther.org](http://www.campmountluther.org)**

**EVERYONE IS INVITED TO  
TRINITY LUTHERAN'S  
ANNUAL BLOCK PARTY  
AT 215 E. MARKET ST. ON  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup>  
FROM  
NOON-3:00 PM. It's FREE.**

### TRANSFORMATIONAL MINISTRY

#### Our Purpose Statement:

God's mission and our purpose for Pine Street Lutheran Church is to share our faith, hope and love through prayer discipleship, ministry and worship.

#### Guiding principles:

1. We pray daily for guidance and discernment of God's will for us.
2. With guidance from the Holy Spirit, we study the Bible and proclaim the Good News in our church, community and world.
3. Trusting God, we serve all people following the example of Jesus.
4. We gather as one body in Christ to proclaim our faith, glorify God, and be filled with God's Holy Spirit.

**You vowed to serve Christ, men  
know that you did.**

**They're watching the things  
that you do;**

**There isn't an action of yours  
that is hid,  
Men are watching and studying  
you.**

**You say you're "no preacher;"  
yes, but you preach  
A wonderful sermon each day;  
The acts of your life are the  
things that you teach,  
It isn't the things that you say.**

**Oh, Christians, remember, you  
bear His dear name,**

**Your lives are for others to  
view**

**You are living examples; men  
praise you or blame,  
And measure all Christians by  
you.**

~Florence Belle Anderson